

SENATE RESOLUTION 169

By Harris

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate James G. Gurney, Ph.D., on his recent appointment as the dean of the School of Public Health at the University of Memphis.

WHEREAS, this legislative body takes great pleasure in paying tribute to an educator, research scientist, and academic leader who has excelled in his chosen fields of endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James G. Gurney was recently appointed the dean of the School of Public Health at the University of Memphis (UM), after having adroitly served as interim dean since June 2016; and

WHEREAS, his leadership as dean will be in addition to Dr. Gurney's other roles as professor of epidemiology and Hardin Endowed Professor in Public Health at UM; and

WHEREAS, he previously served with acumen and alacrity as director of research and associate dean for academic and faculty affairs within the School of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gurney is a clinical epidemiologist with experience conducting multidisciplinary research on health outcomes among children with chronic conditions; in particular, his research has focused on long-term adverse medical and psychosocial effects of cancer treatment among childhood cancer survivors; and

WHEREAS, he also has research experience in health outcomes related to sickle cell disease, complex congenital heart disease, autism, and pediatric and adolescent diabetes and insulin resistance related to obesity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gurney is a Fellow of the American College of Epidemiology and a core member of the Data Safety Monitoring Board for the NeuroNext national clinical trial consortium of the National Institutes of Neurological Diseases and Stroke; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gurney received his A.A.S. in Chemical Technology from Seattle Central Community College; B.A. in Liberal Studies from Antioch University, Seattle; M.S.W. from the School of Social Work, University of Washington, Seattle; and M.S. and Ph.D. in Epidemiology from the School of Public Health, University of Washington, Seattle; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gurney has contributed significantly to UM's School of Public Health as a faculty member since 2013, and he will most assuredly continue to do so as its new dean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate James G. Gurney, Ph.D., on his recent appointment as the dean of the School of Public Health at the University of Memphis, salute his ongoing commitment to higher education and medical research, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.